BEARFACTS 1993 – 2003 Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin (MSA) [23020]

Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin is one of 363 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the nation. Its 2003 population of 178,612 ranked 217th in the nation.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2003 Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$30,976. This PCPI ranked 97th in the United States and was 98 percent of the national average, \$31,504. The 2003 PCPI reflected an increase of 5.5 percent from 2002. The 2002-2003 national change was 2.2 percent. In 1993 the PCPI of Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin was \$19,314 and ranked 161st in the United States. The 1993-2003 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.0 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2003 Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin had a total personal income (TPI) of \$5,532,745*. This TPI ranked 195th in the United States. In 1993 the TPI of Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin was \$3,035,998* and ranked 207th in the United States. The 2003 TPI reflected an increase of 7.1 percent from 2002. The 2002-2003 national change was 3.1 percent. The 1993-2003 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.1 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin. In 2003 net earnings accounted for 64.3 percent of TPI (compared with 66.4 in 1993); dividends, interest, and rent were 21.4 percent (compared with 21.2 in 1993); and personal current transfer receipts were 14.3 percent (compared with 12.4 in 1993). From 2002 to 2003 net earnings increased 10.2 percent; dividends, interest, and rent remained unchanged; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.2 percent. From 1993 to 2003 net earnings increased on average 5.8 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 6.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 7.7 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin increased from \$4,074,860* in 2002 to \$4,506,595* in 2003, an increase of 10.6 percent. The 2002-2003 national change was 3.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1993 estimate of \$2,369,698* to the 2003 estimate was 6.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.3 percent.

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^{*}Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.